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CONTINUING THEIR MISSION AND DEAD SET AGAINST letting a xenomorph sample fall into Weyland-Yutani's corporate hands, Pvt. Zula Hendricks, the synthetic mercenary Davis, and biologist Dr. Hollis destroyed an infected space station, killing dozens of Colonial Marines and Aliens in the process. Their escape into the safety of deep space seemed clean, but then they realize they have a horrifying new passenger.

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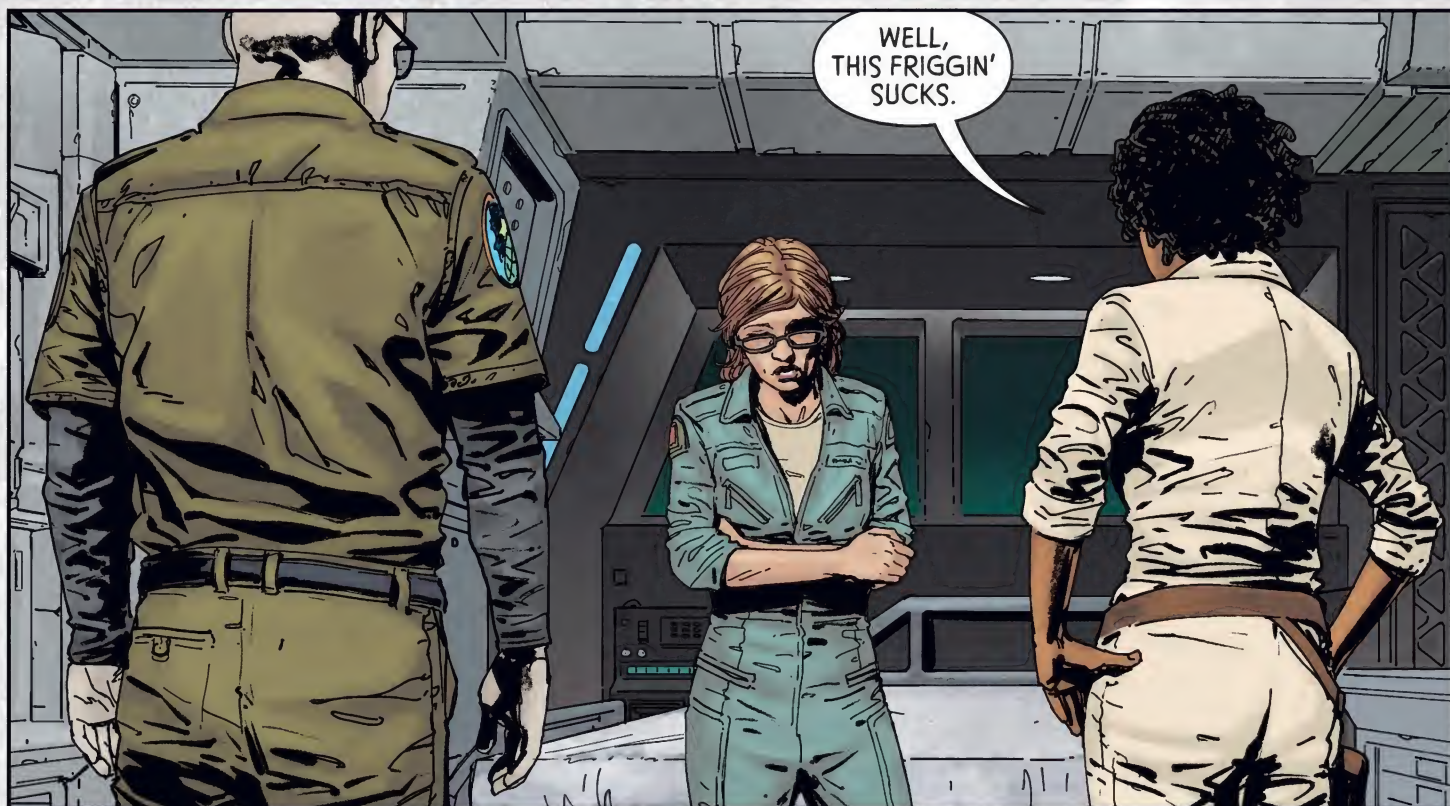
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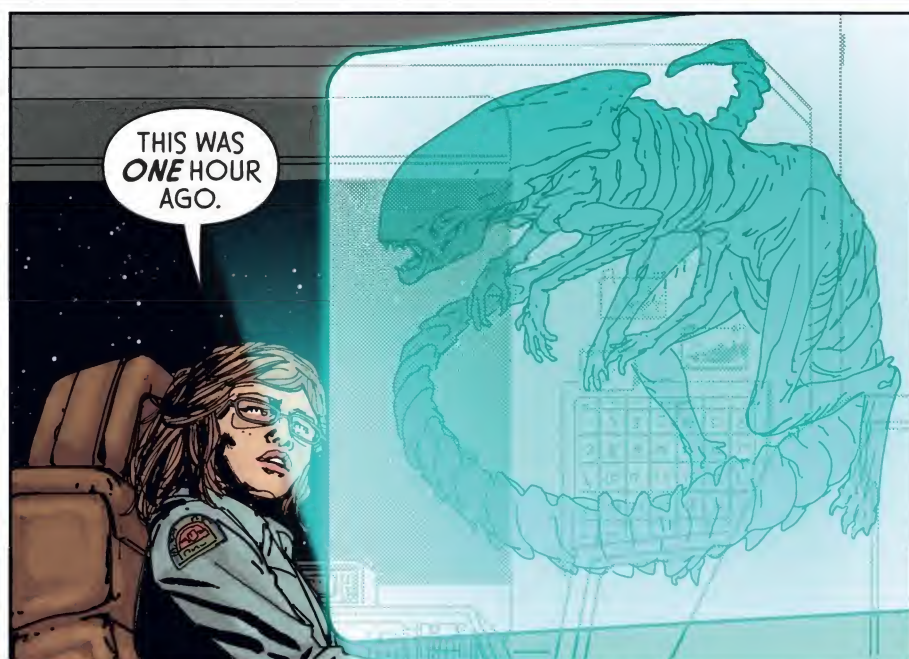
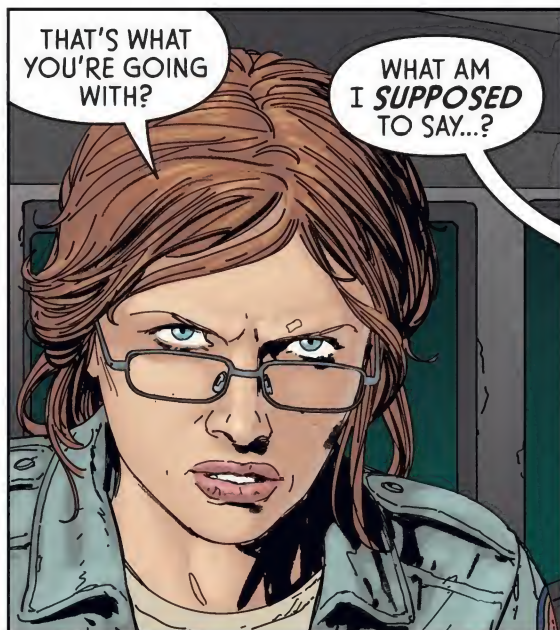
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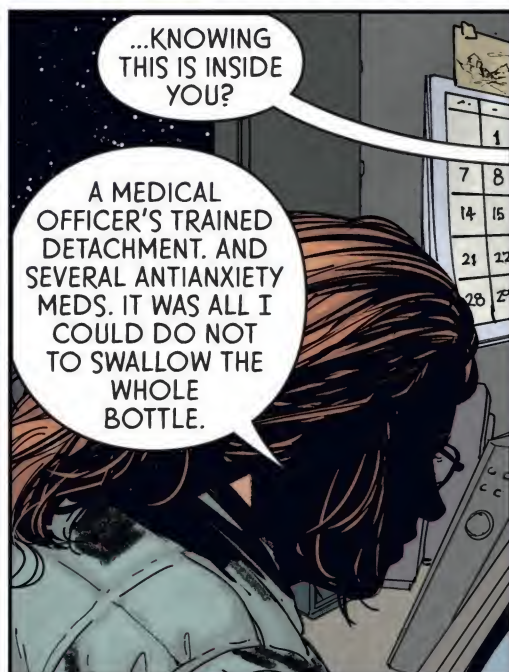
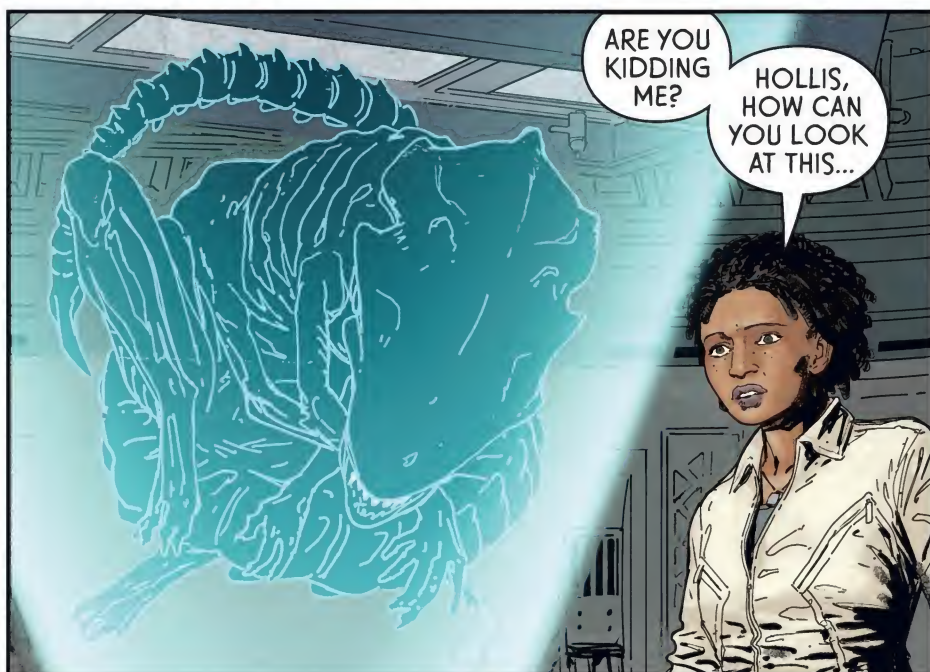
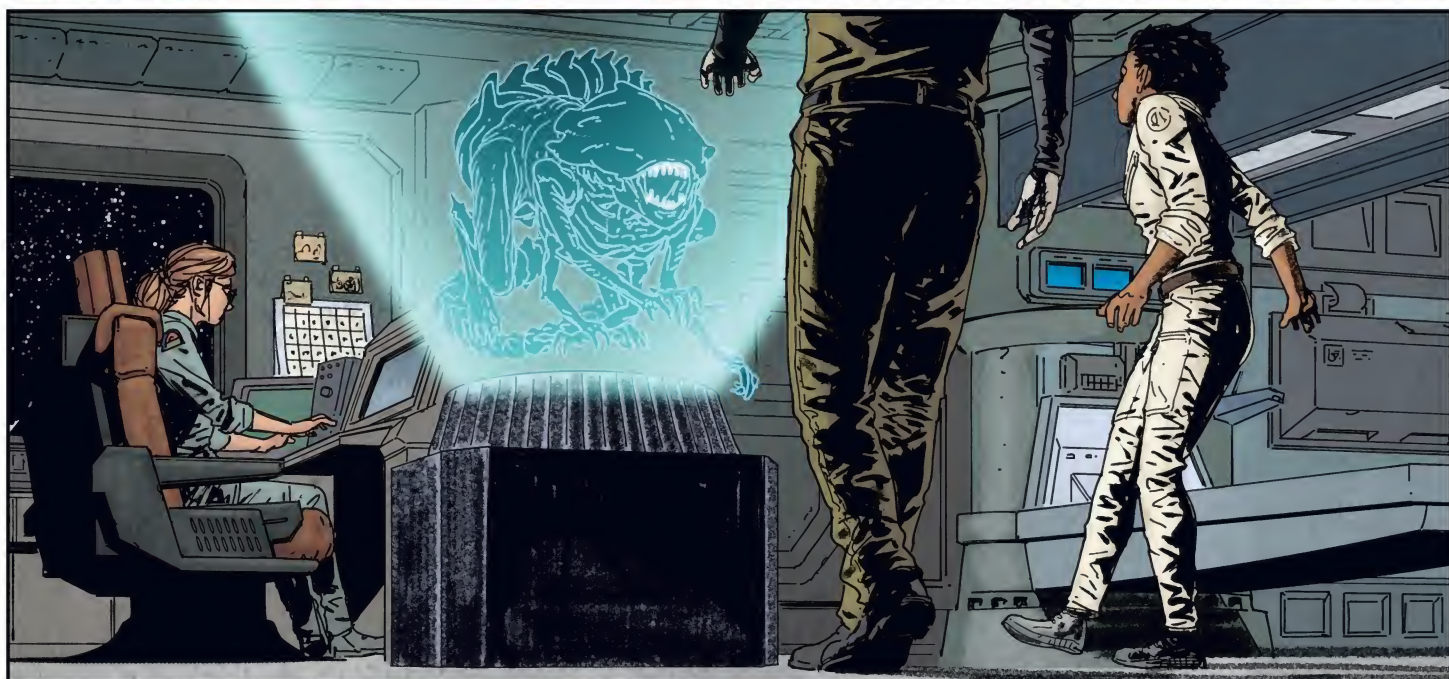




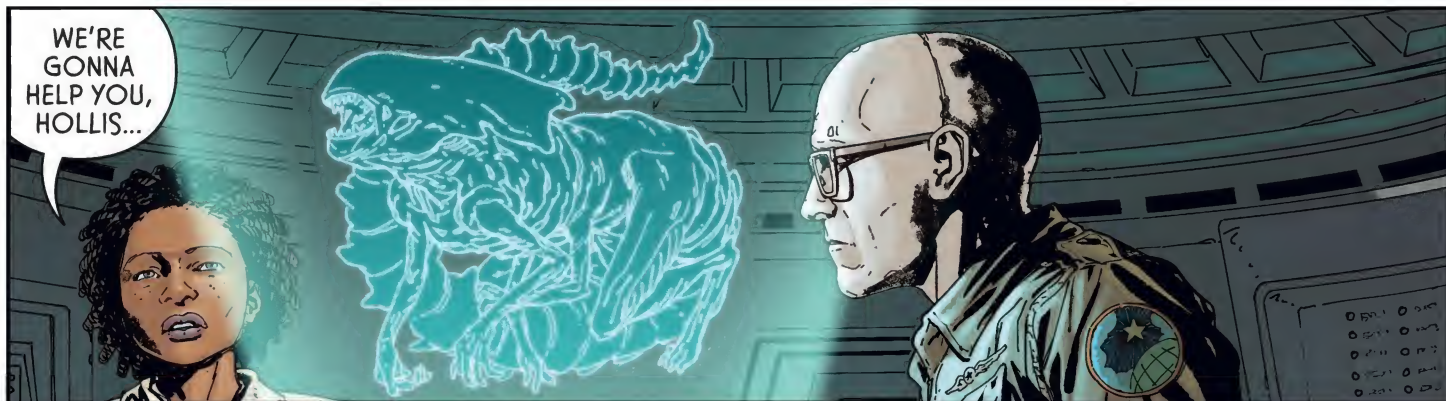












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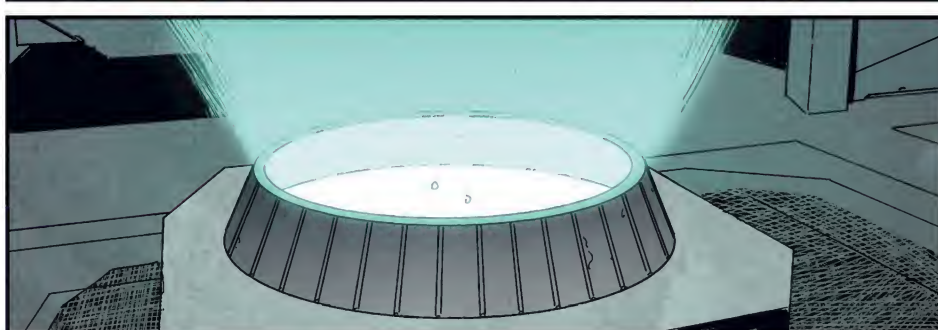
I RECOMMEND TERMINATING THE LIFE FORM VIA CHEMICAL INJECTION...

...PRECEDED BY IMMEDIATE PARTIAL SURGICAL EXTRACTION. I'D BE HAPPY TO PERFORM THE PROCEDURE.

NO.



I BEG YOUR PARDON?



I'M NOT GOING TO TERMINATE THE ALIEN, DAVIS. I'M GOING TO HARVEST IT. ALIVE.

BUT I WILL NEED HELP.

I'LL NEED A SECURE PLACE TO PUT IT, ONCE IT'S OUT.

HOW DID WE GET HERE, AGAIN?



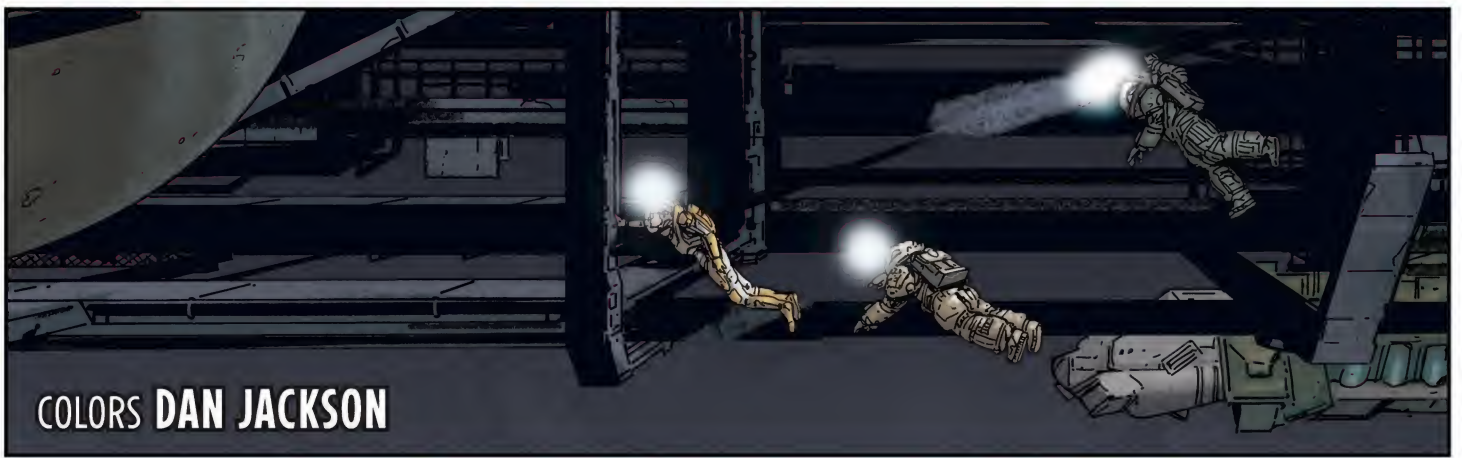


DARK HORSE COMICS AND 20th CENTURY FOX PRESENT



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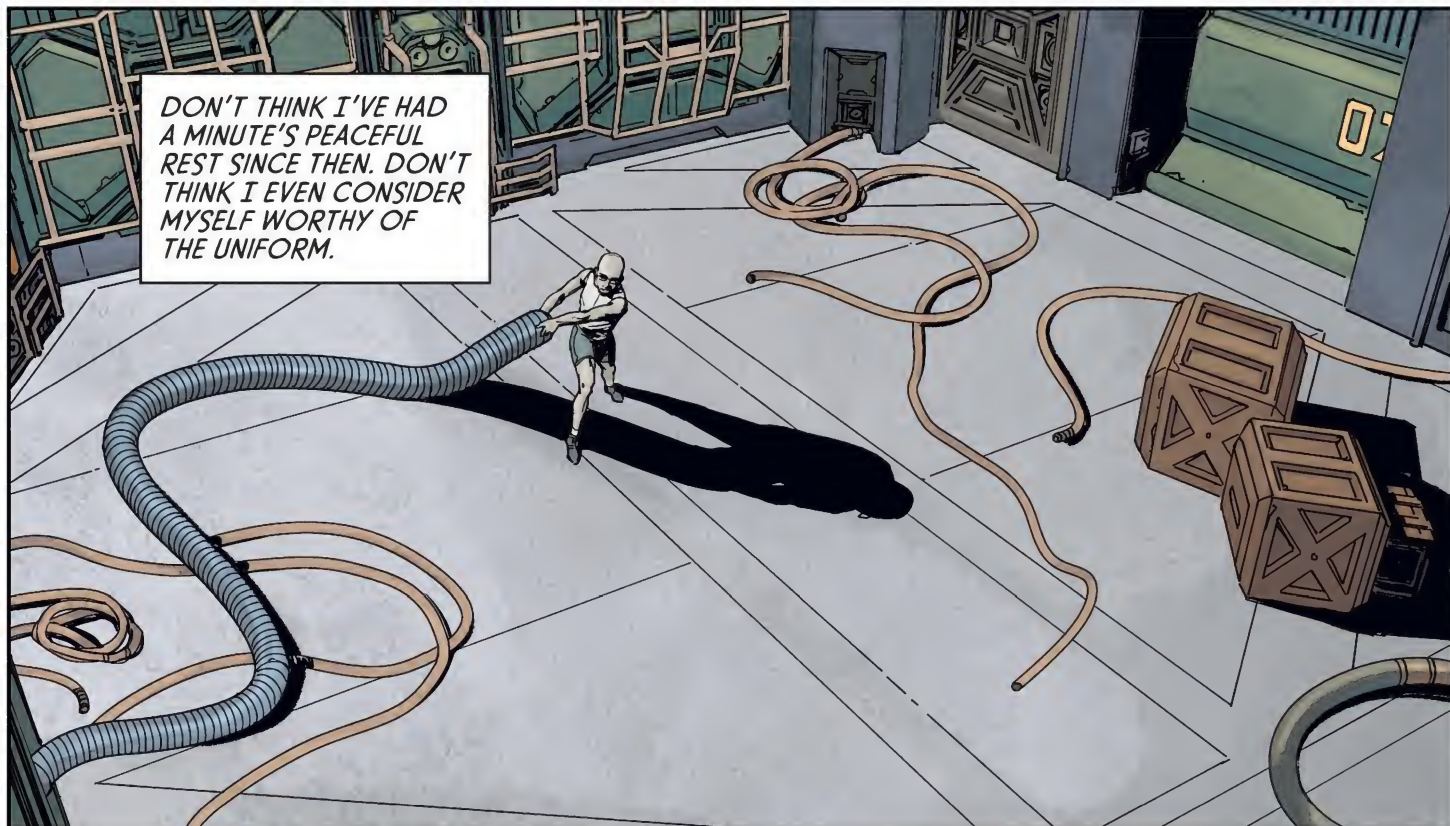


WE STARTED THIS MISSION WITH THE SINGLE GOAL OF PREVENTING WEYLAND-YUTANI-- AND ANYONE LIKE THEM--FROM GETTING THEIR HANDS ON AN ALIEN SPECIMEN.

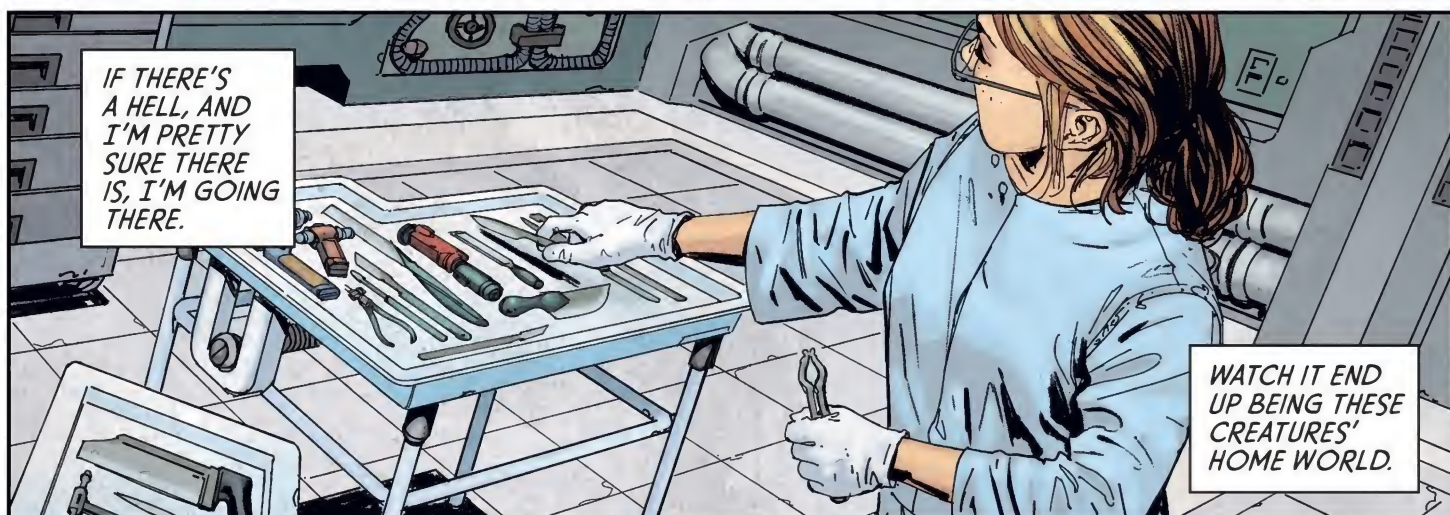


HELL, I COMMITTED FRATRICIDE ON A SQUAD OF MY FELLOW MARINES IN SERVICE OF THAT MISSION.

DON'T THINK I'VE HAD A MINUTE'S PEACEFUL REST SINCE THEN. DON'T THINK I EVEN CONSIDER MYSELF WORTHY OF THE UNIFORM.



IF THERE'S A HELL, AND I'M PRETTY SURE THERE IS, I'M GOING THERE.

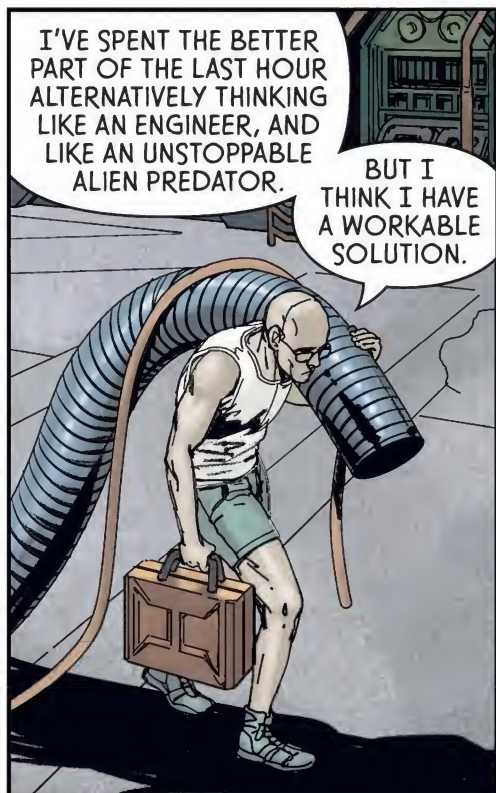


WATCH IT END UP BEING THESE CREATURES' HOME WORLD.

DAVIS,  
HOW'S IT  
GOING?

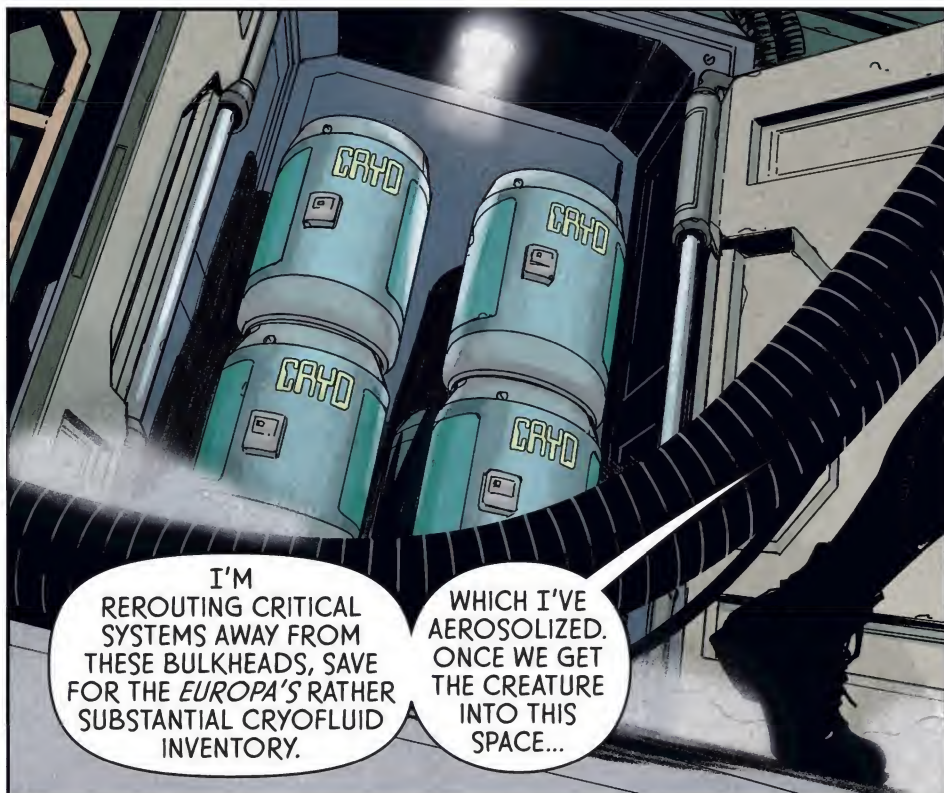






I'VE SPENT THE BETTER PART OF THE LAST HOUR ALTERNATIVELY THINKING LIKE AN ENGINEER, AND LIKE AN UNSTOPPABLE ALIEN PREDATOR.

BUT I THINK I HAVE A WORKABLE SOLUTION.



I'M REROUTING CRITICAL SYSTEMS AWAY FROM THESE BULKHEADS, SAVE FOR THE *EUROPA*'S RATHER SUBSTANTIAL CRYOFLUID INVENTORY.

WHICH I'VE AEROSOLIZED. ONCE WE GET THE CREATURE INTO THIS SPACE...



...WE FLOOD THE COMPARTMENT WITH A CRYO-NITROGEN MIX, RAPIDLY DROP THE TEMPERATURE, AND HALT IT IN ITS TRACKS. CRYOSLEEP WITHOUT THE ATTENDANT LIFE-SUPPORT PRECAUTIONS.

HOW FAST?

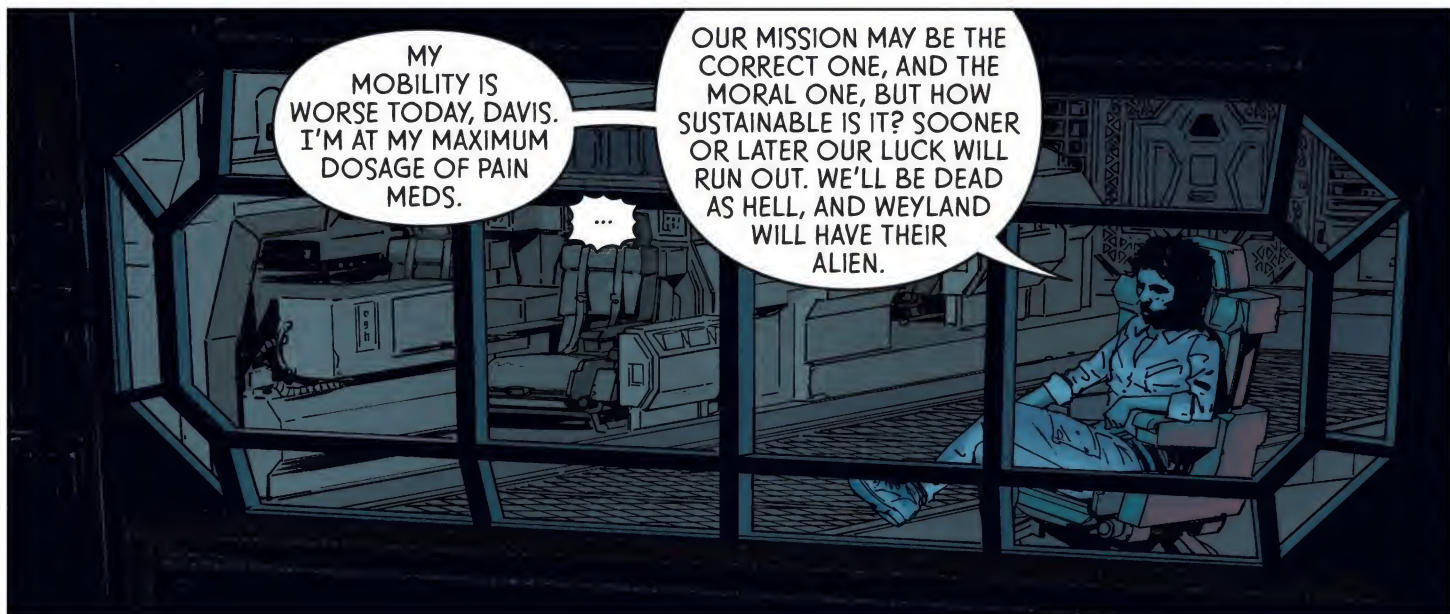
WILL IT HAVE TIME TO CLAW ITS WAY FREE BEFORE YOU DEEP FREEZE IT?



DAVIS?

I DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

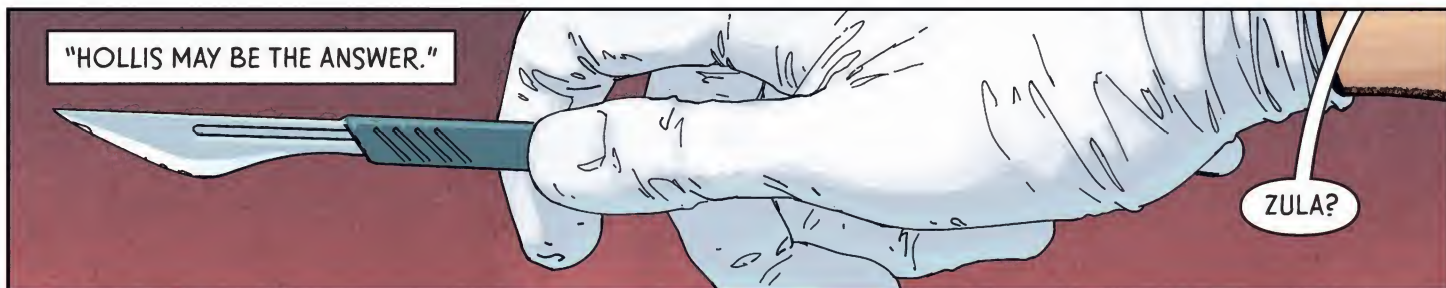
I'M PREPPING THIS ROOM AT YOUR AND DR. HOLLIS'S INSISTENCE, ZULA. NOT BECAUSE I APPROVE OF THIS PLAN.



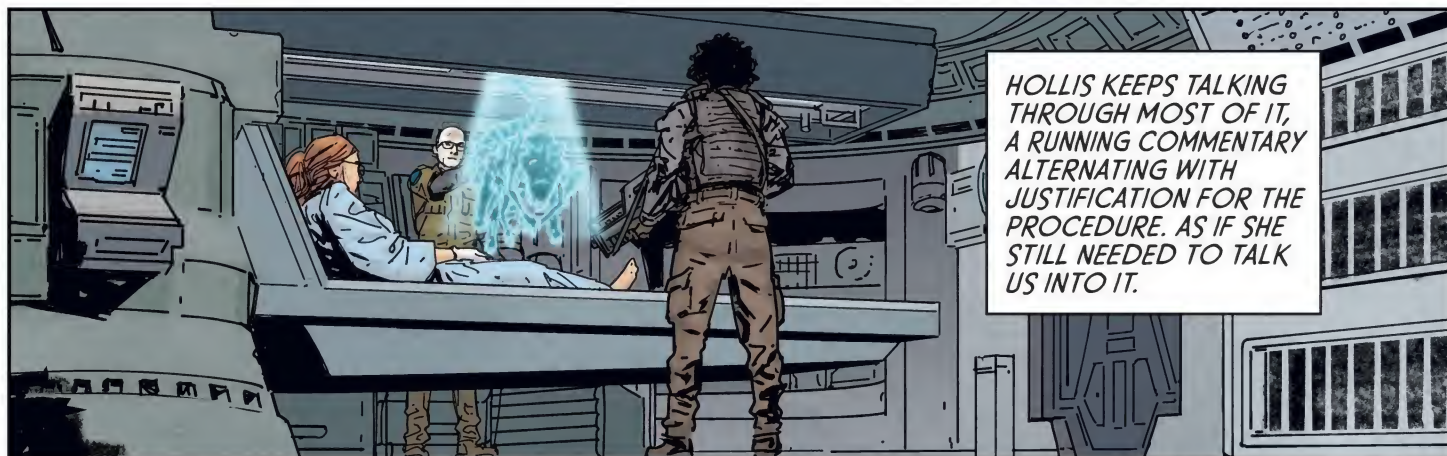
MY MOBILITY IS WORSE TODAY, DAVIS. I'M AT MY MAXIMUM DOSAGE OF PAIN MEDS.

OUR MISSION MAY BE THE CORRECT ONE, AND THE MORAL ONE, BUT HOW SUSTAINABLE IS IT? SOONER OR LATER OUR LUCK WILL RUN OUT. WE'LL BE DEAD AS HELL, AND WEYLAND WILL HAVE THEIR ALIEN.

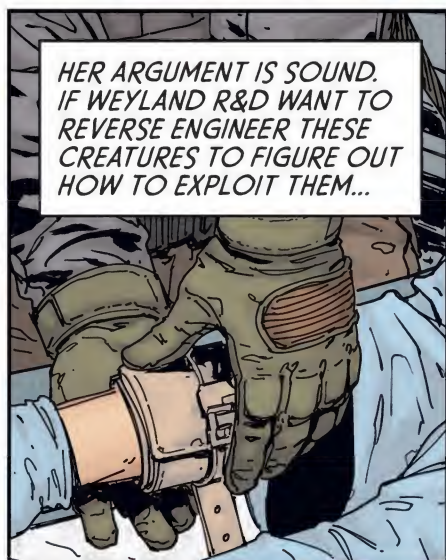








HOLLIS KEEPS TALKING THROUGH MOST OF IT, A RUNNING COMMENTARY ALTERNATING WITH JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROCEDURE. AS IF SHE STILL NEEDED TO TALK US INTO IT.

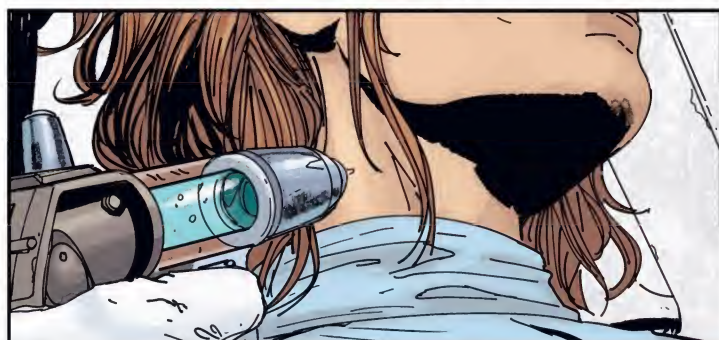
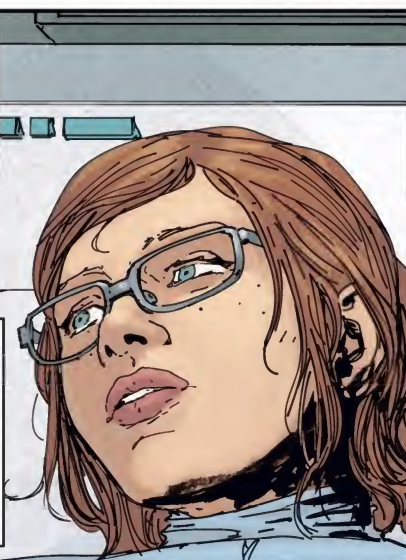


HER ARGUMENT IS SOUND. IF WEYLAND R&D WANT TO REVERSE ENGINEER THESE CREATURES TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO EXPLOIT THEM...

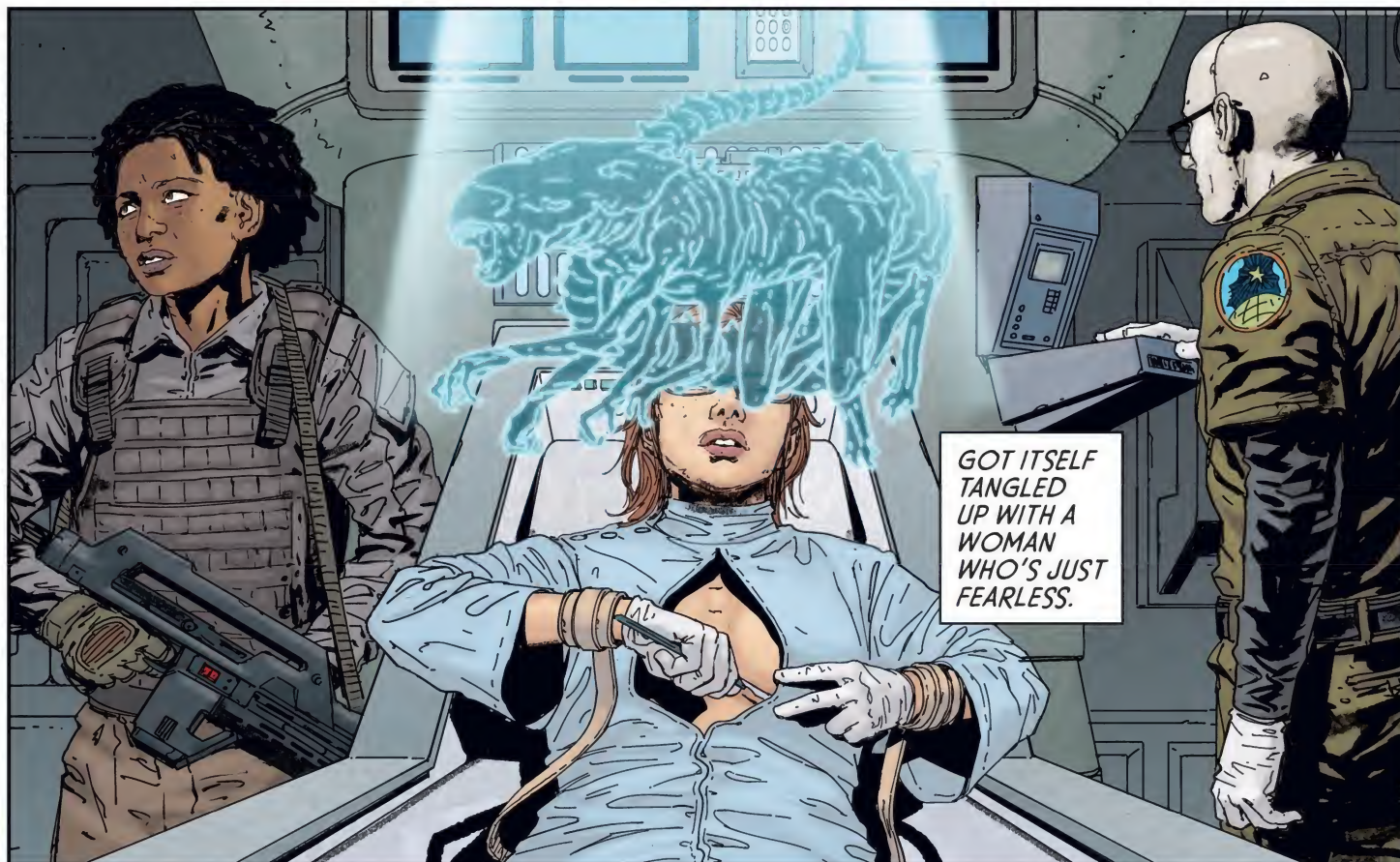


...CAN WE DO THE SAME TO LEARN HOW TO KILL THEM EASIER?

TO NEUTRALIZE THEM, TO STERILIZE THEM? LOOK THEM IN THE FACE AND UNLOCK WHATEVER MAKES THEM WHAT THEY ARE?

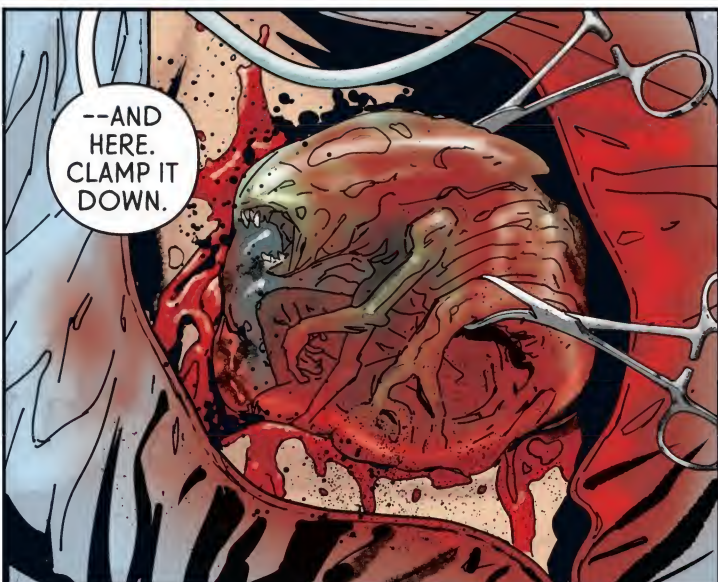
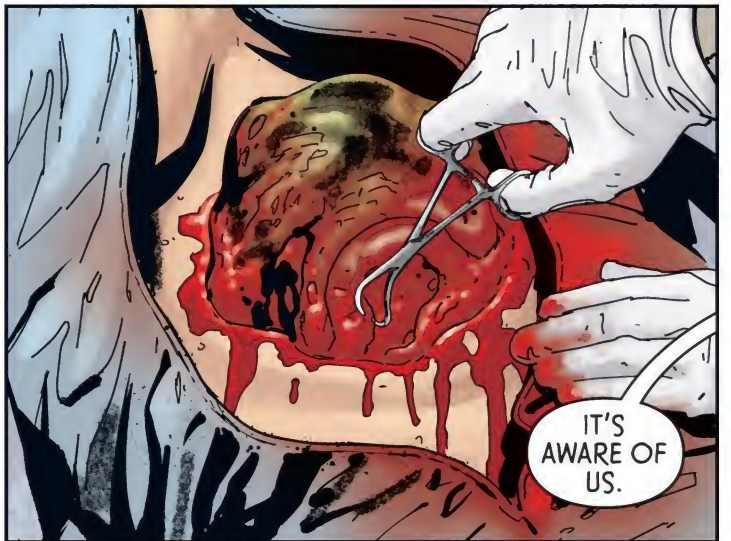
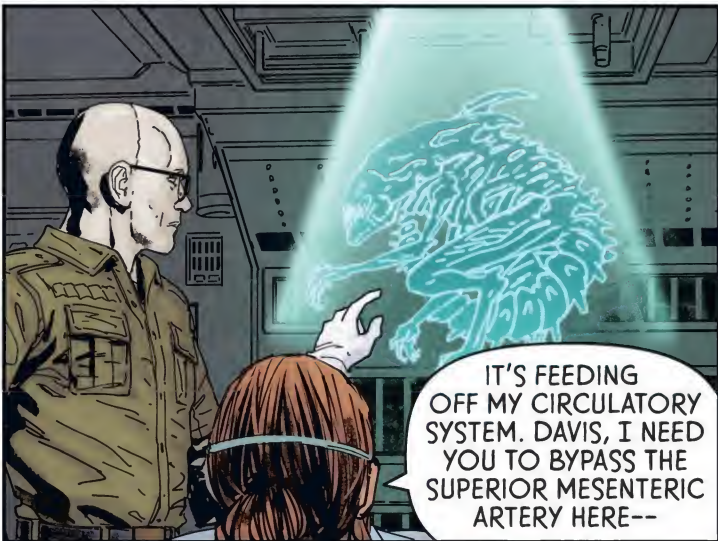
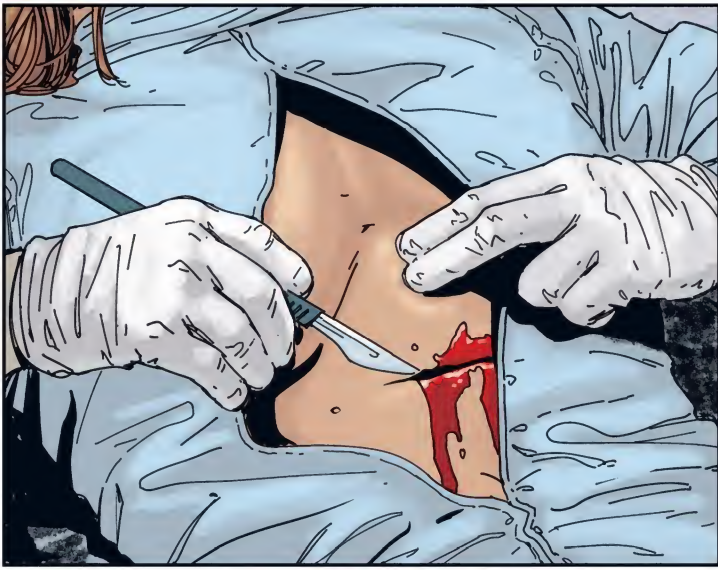


THIS ALIEN BASTARD HERE CAUGHT SOME BAD LUCK.



GOT ITSELF TANGLED UP WITH A WOMAN WHO'S JUST FEARLESS.

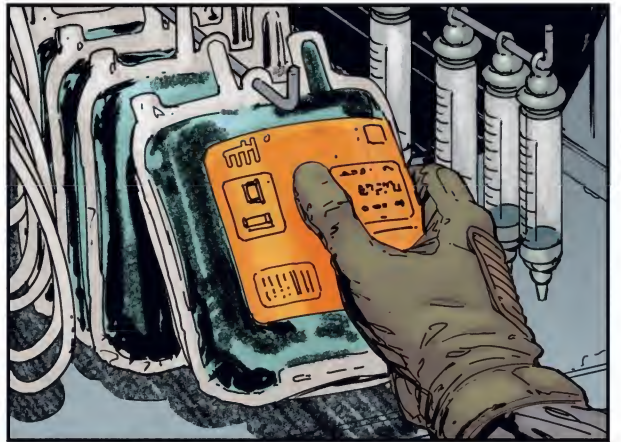








SALINE  
EXPANDER.  
ORANGE  
LABEL.



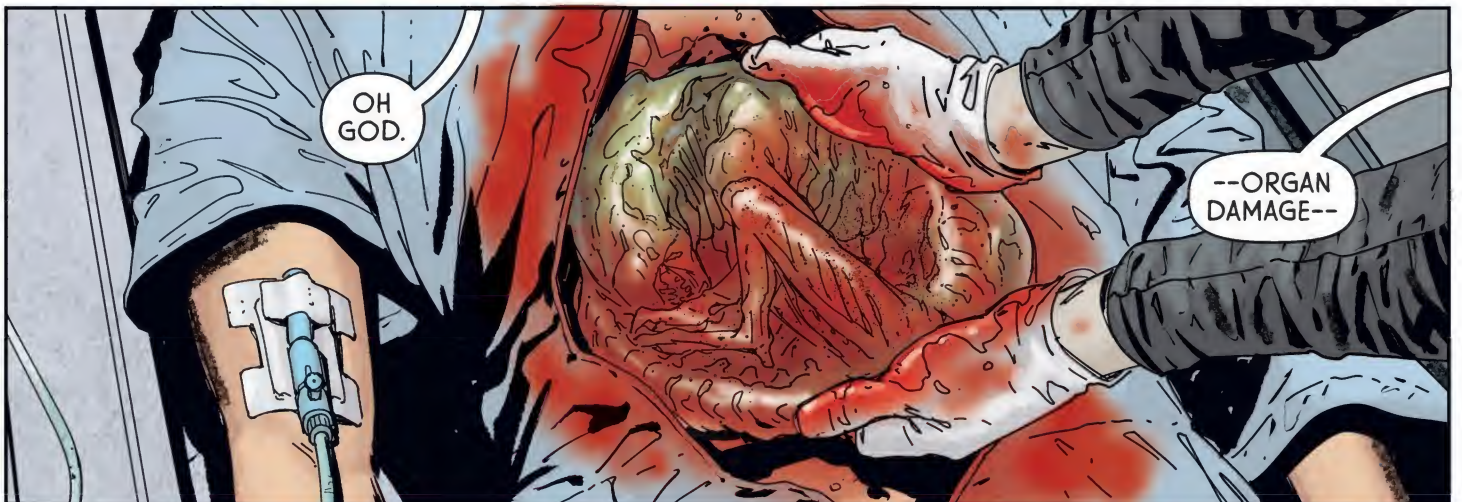
CUT HERE.  
AND HERE.  
THAT'S  
GOOD.

YOUR B.P. IS  
DRIPPING.

ALMOST  
DONE.  
ZULA!



GETTING SOME  
RESISTANCE--



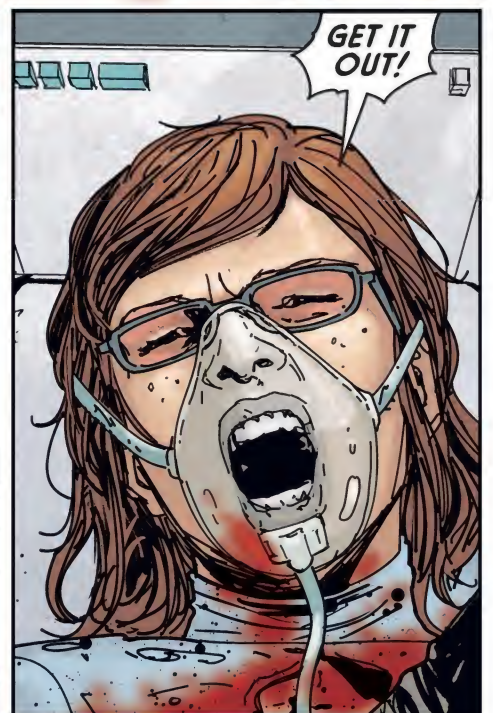
OH  
GOD.

--ORGAN  
DAMAGE--



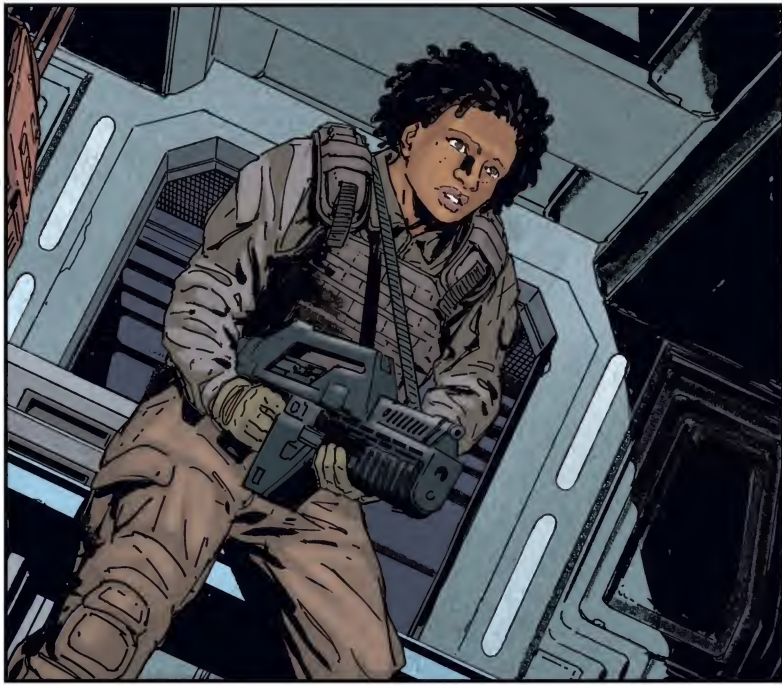
SCANS  
ARE OKAY.  
GET IT OUT  
OF ME.

DOCTOR--

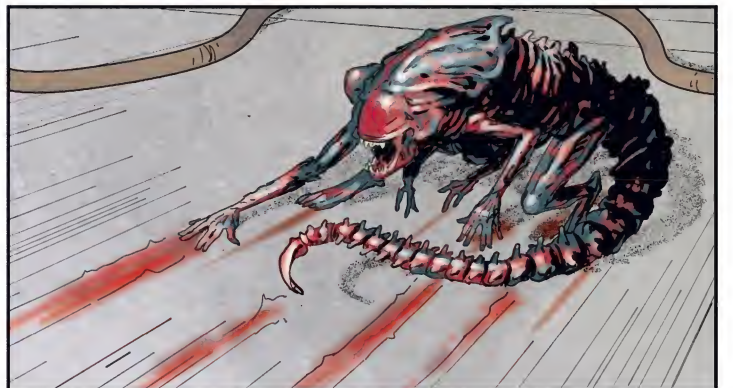
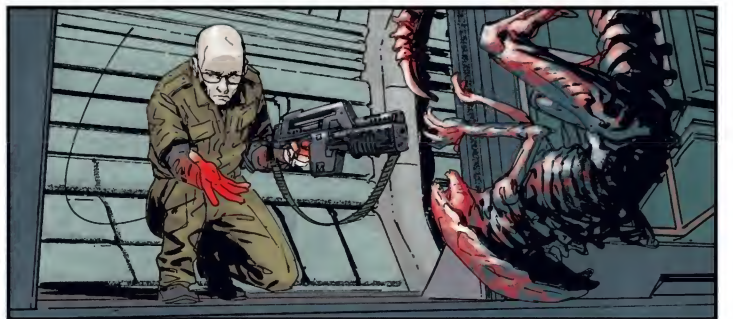
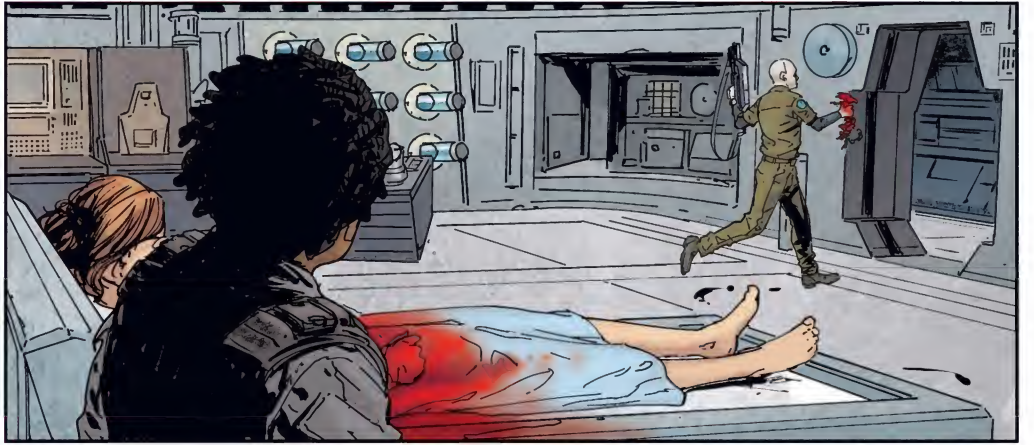


GET IT  
OUT!

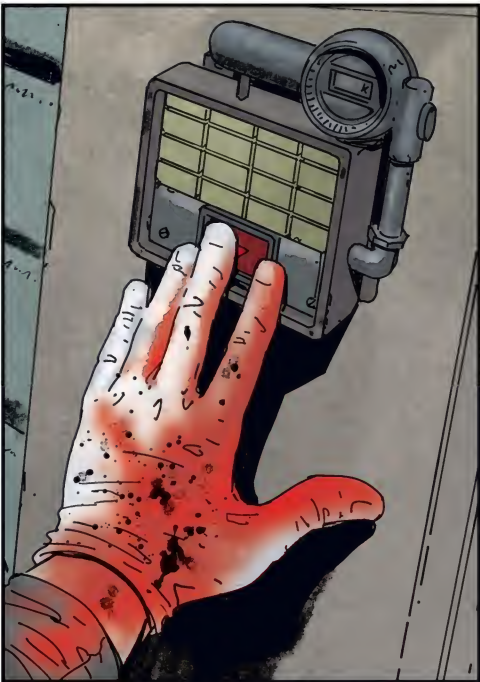
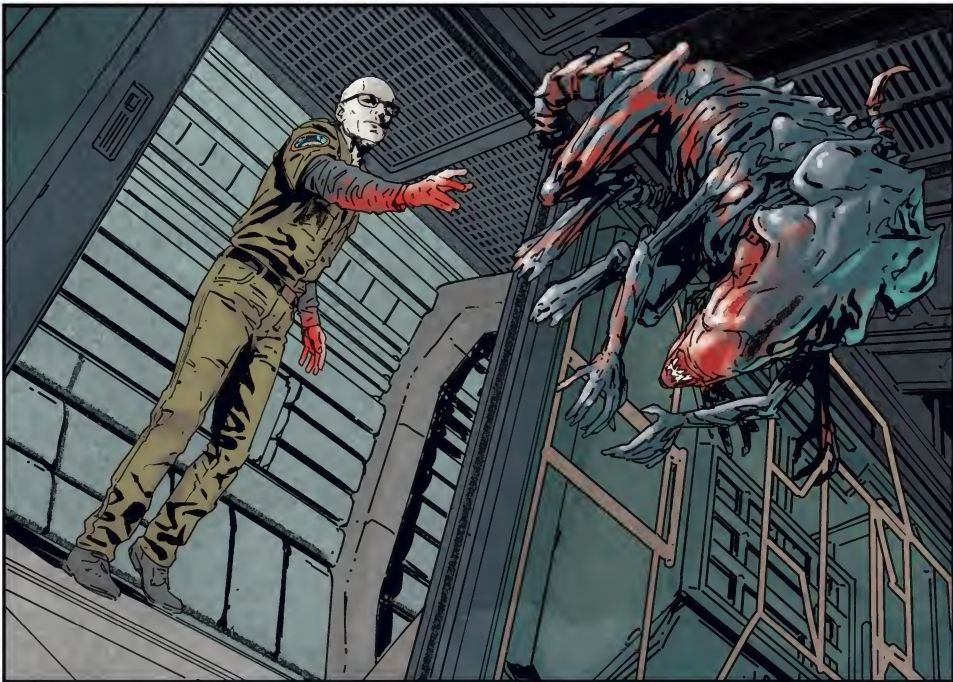
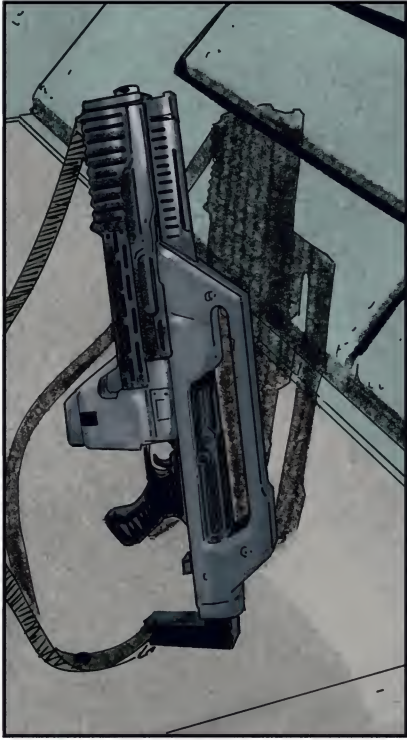




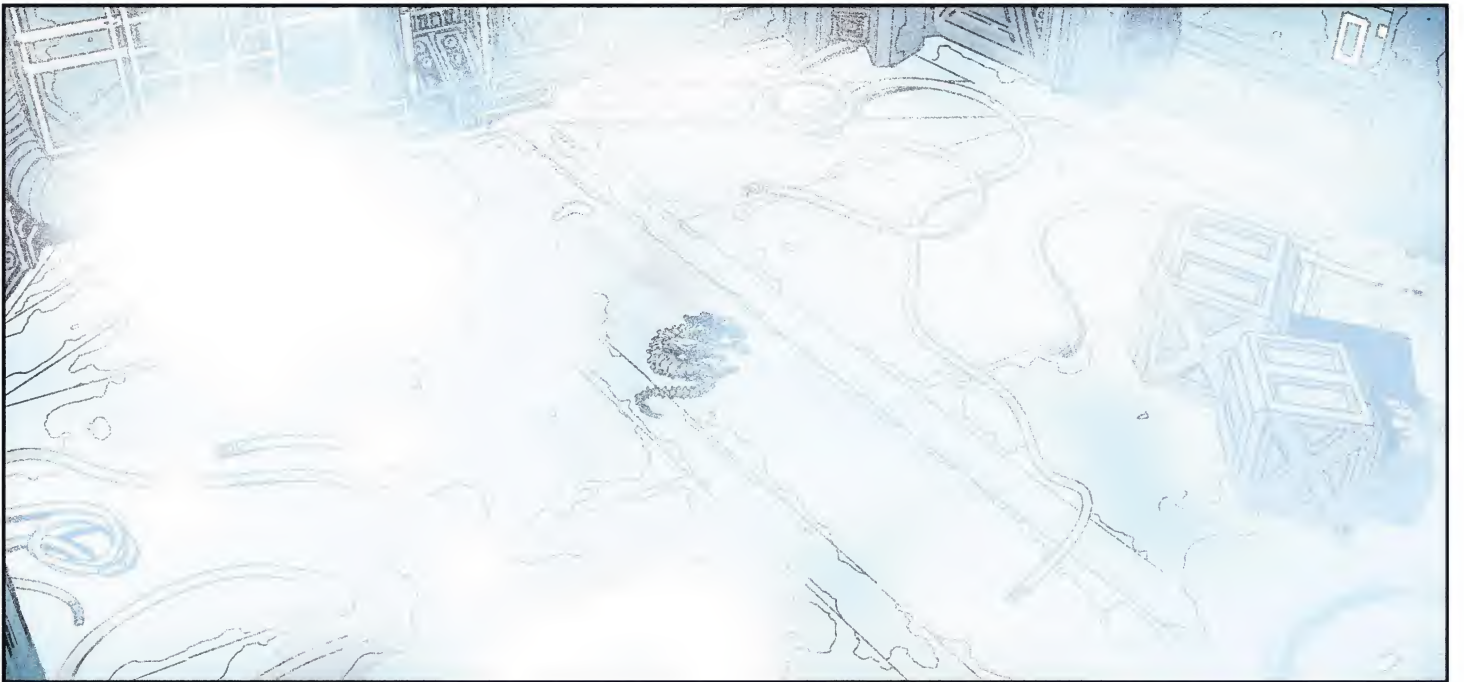
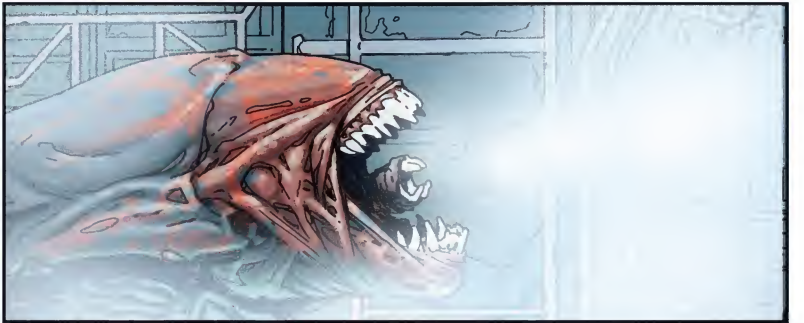
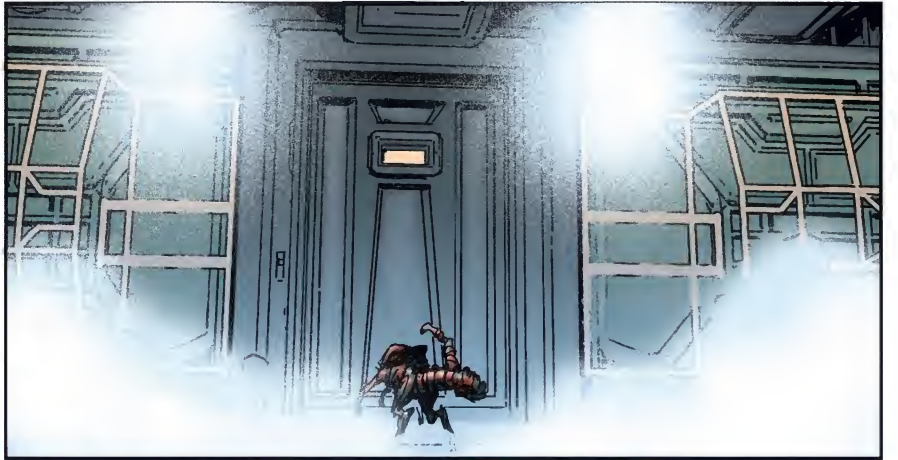
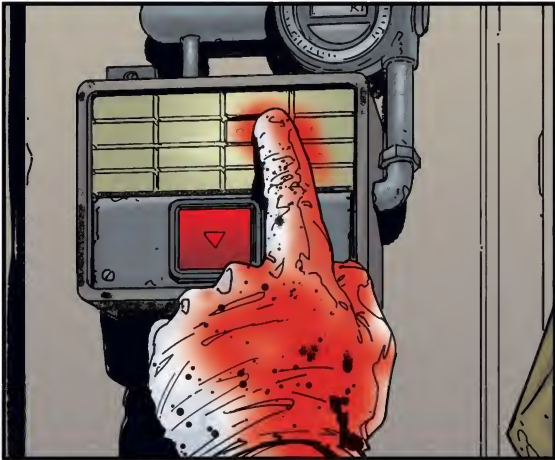
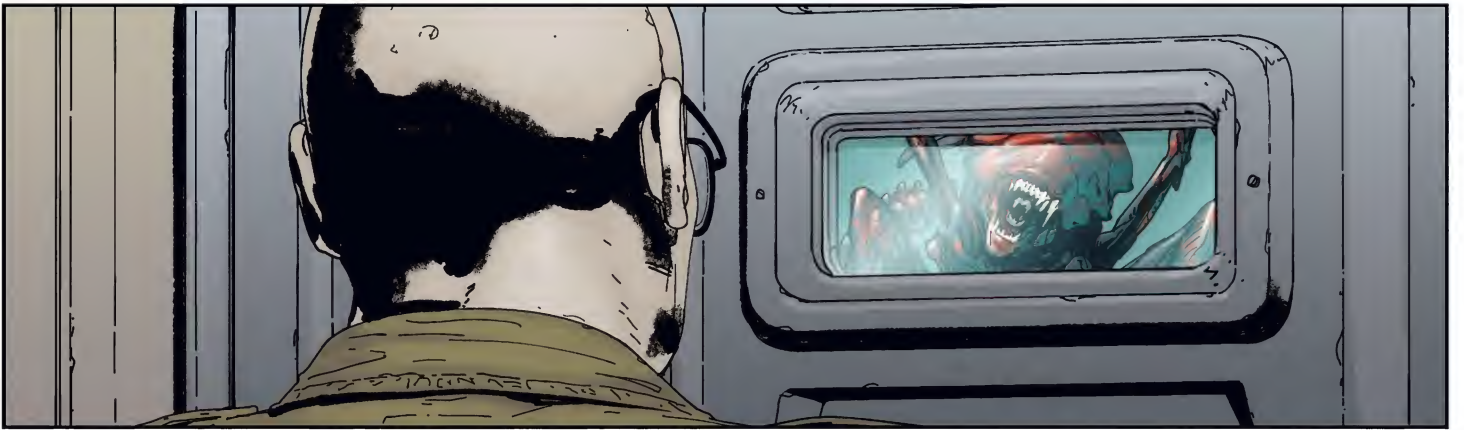




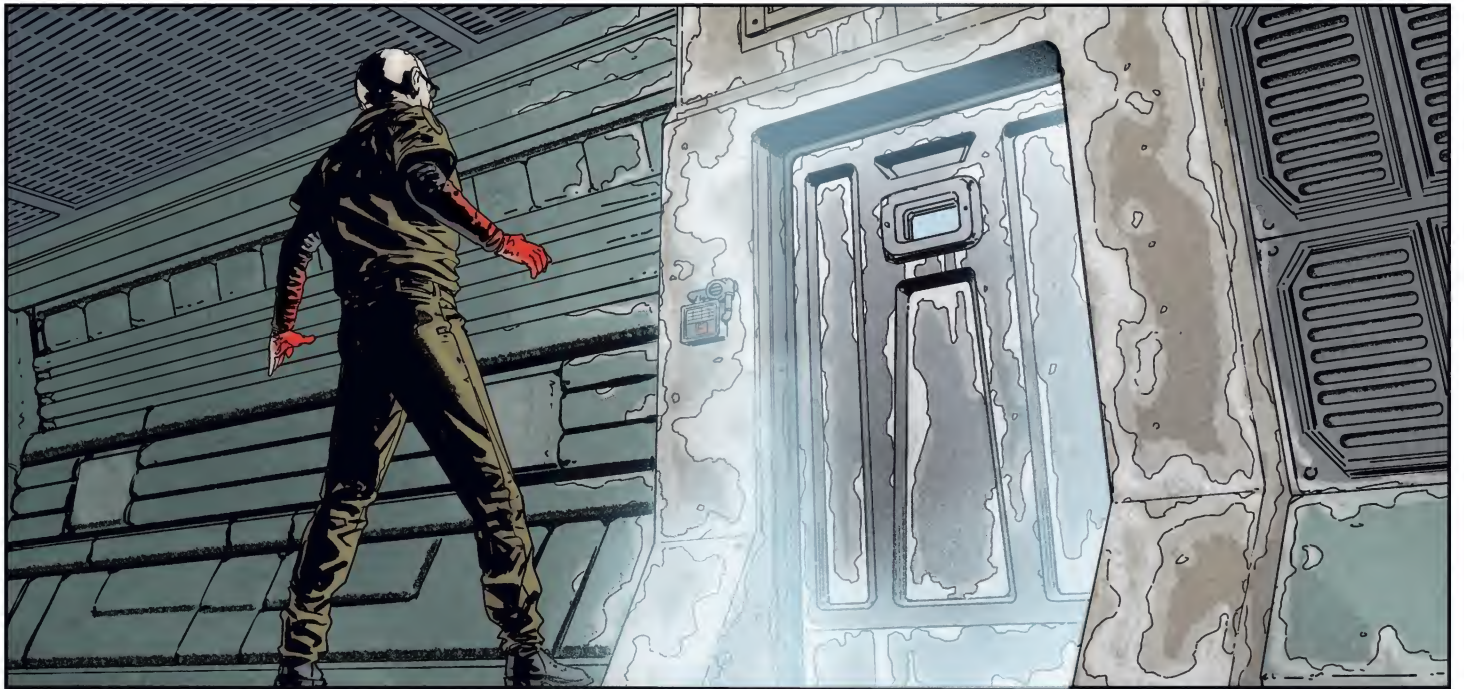














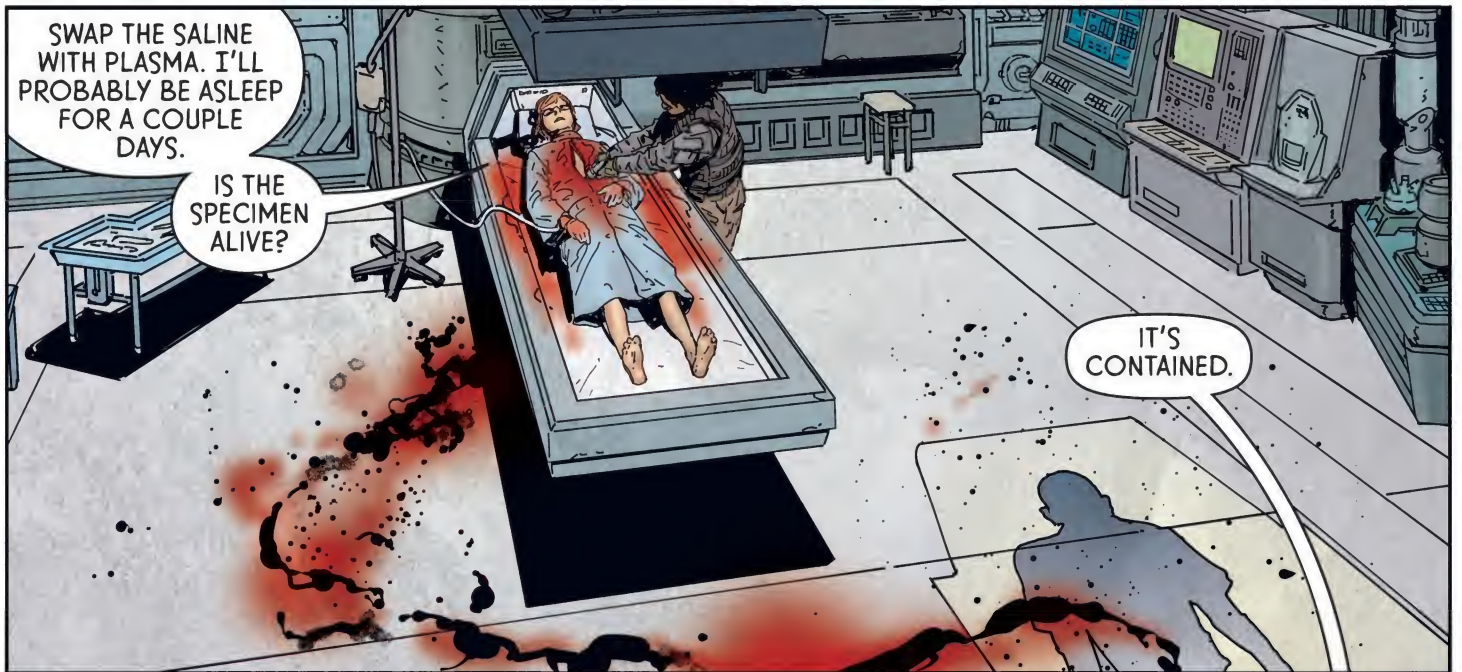


GOTTA SLEEP NOW. BUT ZULA...



...LOOK UP IN THE DATABASE. LEVEL FOUR ANTIBIOTICS COURSE. YOU CAN HOOK IT UP TO THE I.V. LINE.

LEVEL FOUR.



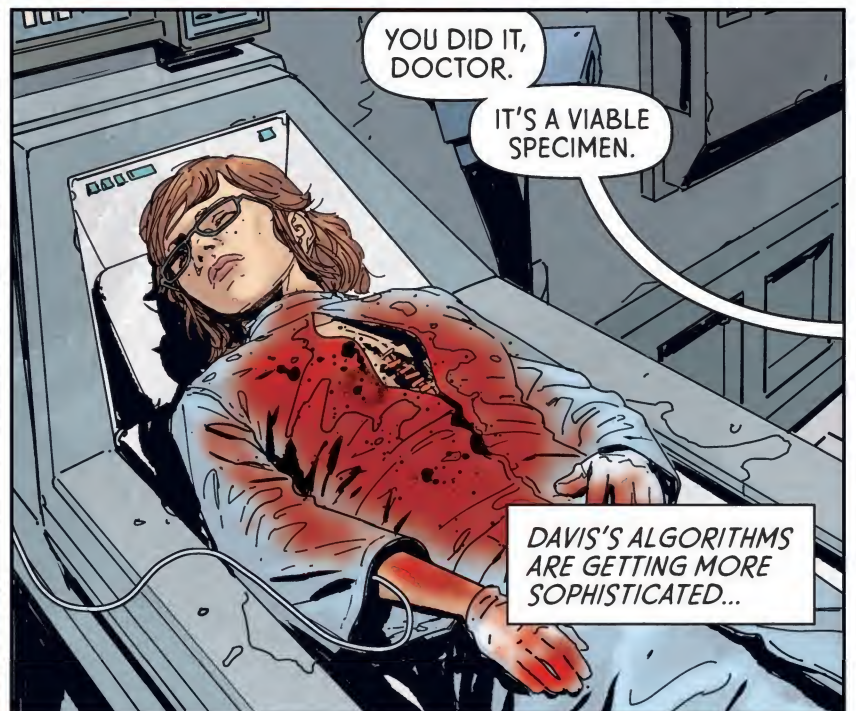
SWAP THE SALINE WITH PLASMA. I'LL PROBABLY BE ASLEEP FOR A COUPLE DAYS.

IS THE SPECIMEN ALIVE?

IT'S CONTAINED.



CONTAINED AND FROZEN.



YOU DID IT, DOCTOR.

IT'S A VIABLE SPECIMEN.

DAVIS'S ALGORITHMS ARE GETTING MORE SOPHISTICATED...



...NEVER HEARD **FEAR**  
IN HIS VOICE BEFORE.





